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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-131—sHB 5767

Aging Committee

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING SYNCHRONIZING PRESCRIPTION REFILLS

SUMMARY: This act prohibits certain health insurance policies that cover prescription drugs from denying coverage for refilling any drug prescribed to treat a chronic illness if the refill is made in accordance with a plan to synchronize the refilling of multiple prescriptions. The plan must involve the insured, a practitioner, and a pharmacist.

The act applies to individual and group health insurance policies delivered, issued, renewed, amended, or continued in Connecticut that cover (1) basic hospital expenses; (2) basic medical-surgical expenses; (3) major medical expenses; (4) hospital or medical services, including coverage under an HMO plan; or (5) single-service ancillary health coverage plans, including dental, vision, and prescription drug plans.

Due to the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), state insurance benefit mandates do not apply to self-insured benefit plans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

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